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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ICELANDIC FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON

REF: REYKJAVIK 1146

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED WORD FROM PEKING THAT THE SECRETARY HAS AGREED TO SEE THE FOREIGN MINISTER BUT THE MEETING WILL HAVE TO TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK WHERE THE SECRETARY NOW INTENDS TO SPEND MOST OF THE WEEK OF SEPT. 19. NO PRECISE DATE CAN BE PROPOSED UNTIL THE SECRETARY RETURNS FROM PEKING.

2. DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING TO PLAN FOR WASHINGTON PORTION ON SEPT. 19-20 WITH TOUR OF MILITARY FACILITIES TO FOLLOW LATER IN WEEK SUBJECT OF COURSE TO SECRETARY'S AVAILABILITY
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IN NEW YORK. EUR WILL PROPOSE SMALL LUNCHEON HOSTED BY ANOTHER PRINCIPAL OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT.

3. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO ADVISE HELGASON: (A) THE SECRETARY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEW YORK THE WEEK OF SEPT. 19 BUT PROPOSAL FOR PRECISE DATE MUST AWAIT SECRETARY'S RETURN FROM PEKING; (B) DEPART-

MENT MEANWHILE HOPES TO WELCOME MINISTER FOR WASHINGTON

PORTION

SEPT. 19-20 WITH CINCLANT AND NORAD VISITS TO FOLLOW
LATER SAME WEEK, AND (C) SENIOR OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON
CONCERNED WITH ICELANDIC AFFAIRS DELIGHTED TO LEARN
MINISTER IS RECOVERING RAPIDLY FROM HIS RECENT ILLNESS AND
WILL BE WELL ENOUGH TO VISIT U.S. IN SEPTEMBER. CHRISTOPHER

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